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In re the Application of: Henrik STENDER et al.

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For: NOVEL PROBES FOR THE DETECTION OF MYCOBACTERIA

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner of Patents  
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Enter the instant Amendment before the initial examination.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

At page 1, before line 1, insert:

-- This is a divisional of serial no. 08/943,777, filed October 3, 1997.

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 1-24, 35, and 36, without prejudice or disclaimer, and add the following claims:

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37. Peptide nucleic acid probe for detecting a target sequence of one or more mycobacteria present in a sample, said probe hybridising to a target sequence of mycobacterial rDNA, precursor rRNA or rRNA forming detectable hybrids, or a mixture of such probes.